Pending power project for Economically backward regions

3788. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

SHRI SURENDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the total number of Power projects awaiting central clearance for the economically backward regions of the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that right from 13th March, 1986 Purli Station (2x210 MW) capacity-420 MW is pending with the Central Government for approval;

(c) what are the reasons for the delay: and

(d) by when it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Ash utilisation by N.T.P.C.

3789. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state the achievements of Ash Utilisation Division of N.T.P.C.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): Some of the achievements of the ash utilisation division of NTPC are as under:—

(i) At Badarpur Power Station, action has been taken to set up Dry Fly Ash Extraction System by a private entrepreneur and for supply of 250 MT of dry ash per day for manufacture of Areated Auto-claved Concrete products. 4 entrepreneurs have been selected for setting up of brick manufacturing units using fly ash. An agreement has been entered into with National Research & Development Corporation (NRDC) for transfer and exploitation of technology/process know-how for manufacturing of fly ash bricks and other products.

(ii) For bulk utilisation of ash at Dadri Power Station, preliminary discussions have been held with a leading cement manufacturer for setting up a fly ash cement plant and manufacturing of other fly ash based products.

(iii) Approximately 2,00,000 cum. of Ash has been utilised as core embankment material for raising of existing ash dykes at Korba STPS.

(iv) Action has been taken for setting up of a Building Centre at Dadri in association with HUDCO and Building Material & Technology Promotion Council.

(v) Discussion have been held with two leading private absestos sheet manufacturing units for use of fly ash in the manufacture of absestos.

(vi) Studies were undertaken with assistance of Regional Research Laboratory, Bhopal to produce clay fly ash bricks at Rihand. Clay fly ash bricks blocks were produced and used in structures such a entry posts, etc.

Esatblishment of an Energy Commission

3790. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish on Energy Commission to deal with the policy formulation, monitoring and other related aspects of energy, planning, pricing, production, distribution, conservation, technology development (R&D) etc., effectively;

(b) if so, at what stage of consideration the proposal stands at present; and

(c) by when it is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) No Sir, there is no

proposal at present to establish an Energy Commission.

(b) and (c) In view of the above, the question does not arise.

Seminar co-sponsored by Department of Power

3791. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a two day seminar co-sponsored by Department of Power was held in Delhi last month;

(b) if so, the points raised at the point raised at the seminar; and

(c) decisions Government propose to take on the point raised at the seminar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c) An Indo-US Seminar on "New Opportunities for Private Investments in the Indian Power Sector" organised by the Indo-Americon Chambers of Commerce and US Government organisations in India and co-sponsored by the Department of Power was held on 16-17 June, 1992.

The Major topics discussed were:

1. Indian Power Scenario and fuel supply arrangement.
2. Private Power Development in India: Issues and Opportunities.
3. Financing for private power projects.
4. Private Power Development: US Experience.
5. Prospects for Indo-US Joint Ventures in the power sector.

The deliberations at the seminar were oriented towards increasing awareness of the policy to encourage private sector investment in generation and distribution of electricity. Many participants of the Seminar have come up with proposals to put up power projects in India.

विद्युत मंत्रालय के अधीन संपक्रमों/संगठनों में भ्रष्टाचार

3792. **श्री राजूभाई ए० परमार :** क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल ही में उनके मंत्रालय के अधीन उपक्रमों/संगठनों में भ्रष्टाचार की सूचनायें मिली हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान कितने अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध कार्यवाही की गई है तथा कितने अधिकारियों को बर्खास्त कर दिया गया है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि भ्रष्टाचार और कदाचार के मामलों में केवल स्थानांतरण की सजा दी गई है और ;

(घ) भ्रष्ट और कदाचारी अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध कड़ी कार्रवाई करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं ?

विद्युत मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्पनाथ राय) : (क) और (ख) सी.बी.आई. ने विद्युत वित्त निगम के तीन अधिकारियों पर भ्रष्टाचार के आरोप लगाते हुए उनके विरुद्ध हाल ही में एक मामला दर्ज किया है । विगत के तीन वर्षों के दौरान सामान्य सतर्कता क्रियाकलापों के रूप में 46 अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध कार्रवाही की गई है जिनमें से एक अधिकारी को बर्खास्त कर दिया गया था ।

(ग) नियमों के अनुसार स्थानांतरण को सजा की संज्ञा नहीं दी जा सकती है ।

(घ) उपचारात्मक उपायों के अलावा सम्बन्धित नियमों के अधीन कड़ी कार्रवाई की जाती है ।